

a back light unit having a plurality of lamp tubes without inside electrodes and which are discharged by outside electrodes disposed along an outer surface of said at least one of said plurality of lamp tubes, said back light unit being disposed behind said liquid crystal display panel;

wherein one outside electrode disposed at said at least one of said plurality of lamp tubes is electrically connected with another outside electrode disposed at an adjacent another of said plurality of lamp tubes.

2. (amended) A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein said at least one of said plurality of lamp tubes has at least one power supply electrode and at least one ground electrode.

3. (amended) A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein said at least one of said plurality of lamp tubes has at least one bent portion.

Please add the following claims new claims:

--19. A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein said one outside electrode disposed at said at least one of said plurality of lamp tubes is a power supply electrode and is electrically connected with said another outside electrode which is another power supply electrode disposed at said adjacent another of said plurality of lamp tubes.

20. A liquid crystal display according to claim 19, wherein said outside electrodes include at least one ground electrode and one outside ground electrode disposed at said at least one of said plurality of lamp tubes is electrically connected with another outside ground electrode disposed at said adjacent another of said plurality of lamp tubes.

21. A liquid crystal display comprising:
a liquid crystal display panel for modulating light to form an image; and
a back light unit having a plurality of lamp tubes without inside electrodes and
which are discharged by outside electrodes disposed along an outer surface of said
at least one lamp tube, said back light unit being disposed behind said liquid crystal
display panel;

wherein said outside electrode include at least two kinds of electrodes having
different voltages applied thereto;

a plurality of groups of electrodes are constructed so that electrodes in each
group are arranged in a substantially line configuration with respect to a direction
transverse to an extending direction of a respective one of said lamp tubes and
electrically interconnected with an electrode of an adjacent lamp tube;

each group of electrodes is arranged at a different position of said plurality of
lamp tubes with respect to the extending direction of a respective one of said lamp
tubes so that a same kind of said at least two kinds of electrodes is only arranged in
the same line with respect to the transverse direction.

22. A liquid crystal display according to claim 21, wherein said outside
electrodes include at least one power supply electrode.

23. A liquid crystal display according to claim 22, wherein said outside
electrodes include at least one ground electrode.--

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please amend the abstract as follows: